

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 were rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Winn in view of Fassauer, Barlow, and Ricciardi. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the means for introducing the micro-ingredient in the transport line. Claim 1 has been further amended to delete the requirement of a fitting in the transverse tube.

Applicant hereby incorporates by reference each of its previous arguments with respect to the teachings of the Winn, Fassauer, and Barlow references. Accordingly, applicant asserts that there simply is no teaching or suggestion to combine the references in the manner as stated by the Examiner. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-6 should be withdrawn.

Claim 23 was rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Winn in view of Barlow, Fassauer, Ricciardi, and further in view of Pomerleau. Pomerleau fails to cure the deficiencies in Winn, Barlow, Fassauer, and Ricciardi. Therefore, since claim 23 depends from claim 1, claim 23 should also be allowed.

The application now appearing to be in form for allowance, early notification of same is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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